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SUBJ: ISLAS ORCADAS CRUISE THREE

FOR PRICE LEWIS, NSF; FOR LEWIS WORTHING, HOLMES & NARVER

1. AFTERNOON MEETING 27 NOVEMBER WITH ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVES OF NAVY HYDROGRAPHIC AND ANTARCTIC INSTITUTES PRODUCED A WRITTEN POSITION TAKEN BY THE NATIONAL HEAD OF THE ARGENTINE ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE. THIS PAPER STATED A WILLINGNESS TO UNDERGO SCIENTIFIC SHAKEDOWN 1-5 DECEMBER ON A NOT INTERFERE WITH BIOLOGY BASIS AND TO CALL INTO PORT OF USHUAIA TO RECEIVE EIGHT INCOMING HOLMES AND NARVER PEOPLE FOR DELIVERY TO PALMER STATION. THERE ALSO WAS A STATEMENT THAT THE CRUISE HAD BEEN LENGTHENED BY TEN DAYS TO TERMINATE BUENOS AIRES ABOUT THREE JANUARY. LETTER ALSO STATED BIOLOGY STATIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO ACCOMMODATE PALMER STATION RELIEF.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST THAT OUTGOING HOLMES AND NARVER PEOPLE BE RETURNED TO USHUAIA, I WAS TOLD THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO TRANSFER THESE PEOPLE FROM ORCADAS TO LIFT OFF OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER TRANSFER TO THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, NO GUARANTEES COULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME. EXPECTATIONS THAT SUCH A LIFT COULD BE FOUND ARE JUDGED GOOD.

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3. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THERE IS NO GIVEN IN THE POSITIONS

DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH ONE AND TWO ABOVE.

4. DURING THE MEETING DR. PARK RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM DR. NOWLIN. DR. PARK STATED LATER THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO RETURN TO TEXAS A&M. HE STATED THAT THE POINT HE AND NOWLIN WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT CRUISE FOUR MUST START JANUARY TENTH OR ISOS WOULD GO IT ALONE WITH MELVILLE AND CONRAD.

5. ARGENTINE POSITION PAPER AND LETTER TO O.P.P. WILL BE AIRMAILED IN DUE COURSE. ALBERT BETZEL SENDS. MONTLLOR

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